

IN THE DRAWING:

Please enter the amendment to the drawing shown in the Appendix with an annotated sheet 7 of 12 showing the proposed changes made to identify the reference numeral sequence 700a, 700b, 700c, 700d. A replacement sheet is also provided in the Appendix hereof.

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is made in response to the Office Action of June 22, 2007 in which the specification and drawing were objected to. As suggested by the Examiner, the specification and drawing have been amended to show the sequence by reference numeral in both the specification and drawing. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Regarding the Examiner's Response to Arguments in numbered paragraph 3 beginning on page 2 of the Detailed Action, applicant still believes that the list display area 26 of Fig. 1 of *Chua* does not show a virtual key even though the Examiner believes that this is the plain meaning by virtue of touching a specific screen area causes reaction as if key-in the information.

The fact is, *Chua* does show virtual keys in the virtual keyboard area 14 and identifies this as such, i.e., a virtual keyboard 20. See the first sentence of paragraph 0019. It is true that the user can select from the list by touching a member of the list but the meaning is not the same as a virtual key, contrary to the Examiner's position.

It cannot be that the *Chua* reference can describe both virtual keys 20 in virtual keyboard area 14 in a very explicit way and then somehow transfer this plain meaning to the list display area 26 which clearly does not show virtual keys. The virtual keyboard area 14 is the only area that shows virtual keys 22 in a virtual keyboard 20.

The only thing *Chua* shows is the letters T and H showing up in message line 24 but these are not for touching as if keys. The words appearing in the list display area 26 are not intended to represent virtual keys and if they were, *Chua* would have used the same language that he used in describing the virtual keyboard area 14, the virtual keyboard 20 and the virtual keys 22. He did not do this and described the words appearing in the list display area as a list of symbols or words.

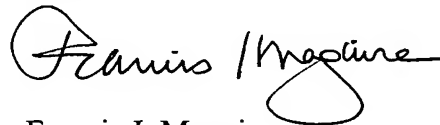
The passage referred to by the Examiner in paragraph 0017 does not say that the decided candidate keys are displayed as virtual keys. It says rather that the candidate keys are then used to provide a set of potential words that would result from the input of any one of those keys. A list of candidate words such as shown at

reference numeral 26 in Fig. 1 is then produced. Thus the passage cited by the Examiner is part of the algorithm of deciding what letters might be intended so that words may be inferred. This is different from identifying a subset of virtual keys and then rendering the identified subset of virtual keys to a user concurrently with receiving user input.

Reconsideration is requested and withdrawal of the novelty rejection is requested.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of June 22, 2007, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-21 to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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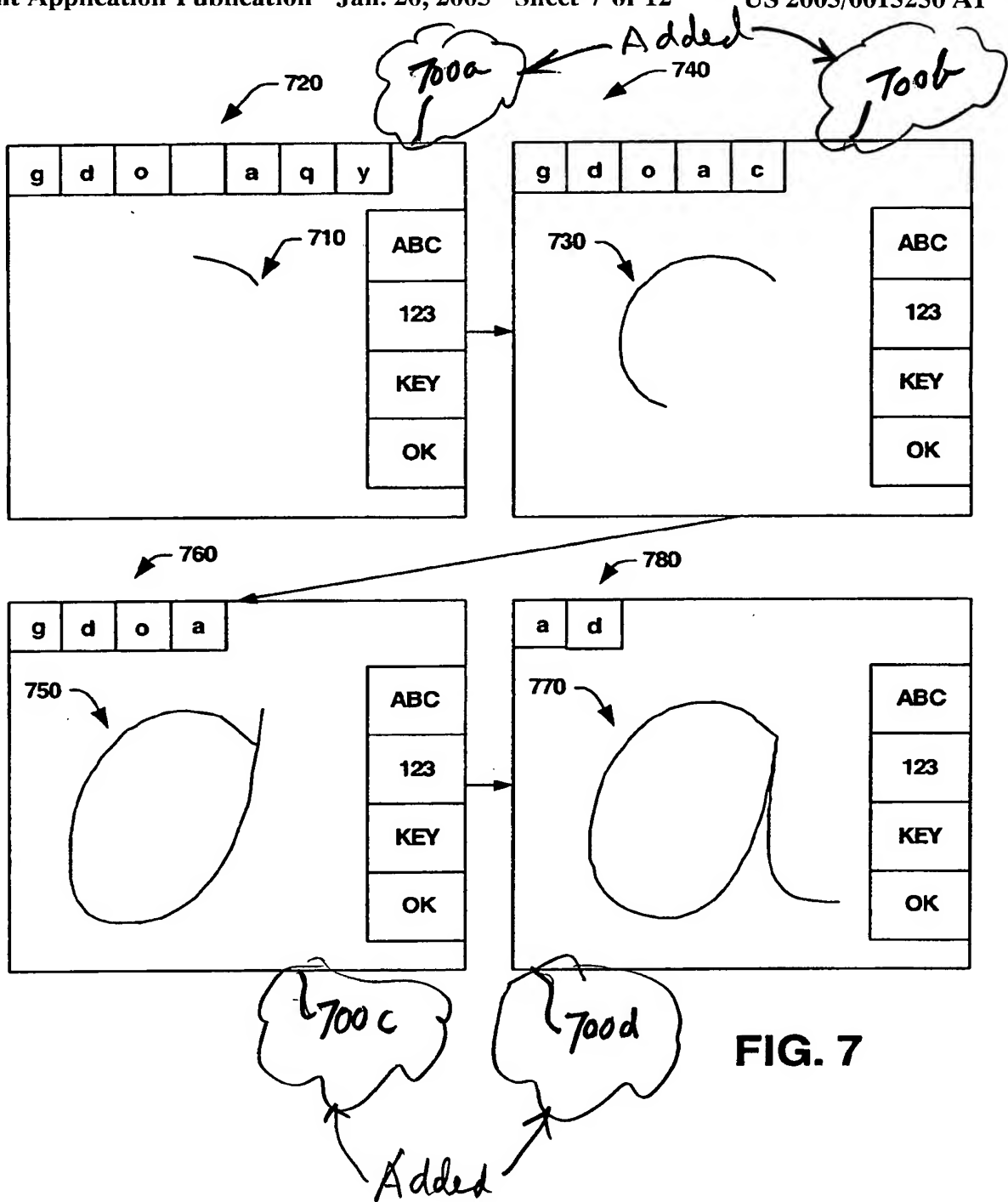


FIG. 7